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1. (U) SITUATION. INITIAL ELEMENTS OF USJTF SOUTH ARRIVED TIMEHRI AIRPORT, GUYANA AT 211130Z NOV 78, AND WERE MET BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE (GDF) AND AMEMB GEORGETOWN, GUYANA. REMAINDER OF USSOUTHCOM ELEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED AND THE SUPPORT BASE AT TIMEHRI AIRPORT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, FACILITATED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AMEMBASSY
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GEORGETOWN.
2. (C) INTELLIGENCE. CURRENT SITUATION IN JONESTOWN IS STABLE. GDF TOOK CONTROL OF JONESTOWN EVENING OF 19 NOV WITH NO OPPOSITION. GDF HAS CONFIRMED 405 DEAD, INCLUDING JAMES JONES, OF VOLUNTARILY INGESTED POTASSIUM CYANIDE LACED KOOL-AID. JONES HAD ALSO BEEN SHOT AS HAD A VERY FEW OF THE 405 DEAD. IT IS PROBABLY THAT ALL OR MOST OF JONES' HARD CORE FOLLOWERS ARE DEAD, THUS REDUCING THE POTENTIAL THREAT TO USJTF RECOVERY OPERATIONS. RETURNING SURVIVORS THUS FAR HAVE NOT BEEN HOSTILE.SOME WEAPONS, HOWEVER, ARE BELIEVED UNACCOUNTED FOR; AS A RESULT, THE THREAT OF RANDOM SNIPER ATTACKS CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED. UTM COORDINATES OF JONESTOWN ARE ESTIMATED AS 21NSJ7662492. THESE COORDINATES WILL BE UPDATED WHEN LOCATION VERIFIED. WEATHER IN JONESTOWN ARE IS HOT AND HUMID, WITH A HIGH INCIDENCE OF TROPICAL RAIN

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OWERS; THUS HAMPERING RECOVERY OPERATIONS.
(C) EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANT FACTORS.
GOY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN MOST CORDIAL AND HELPFUL.
EIR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE HAVE ALREADY PROVEN INVALUABLE
D SHOULD FACILITATE RECOVERY OPERATIONS.
HF VOICE NET HS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY USAF CCT PERSONNEL.
A COMMUNICATIONS ARE BEING ESTABLISHED AT THIS TIME.
NO SIGNIFICANT LOGISTICS PROBLEMS ARE FORESEEN UNLESS
LAYS ARE ENCOUNTERED IN THE ARRIVAL OF CONUS AUGMENTATION
ERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT SCHEDULED IN TONIGHT AND EARLY TOMORROW.
PERSONNEL OF USJTF SOUTH PRESENTLY TOTALS 17 OFFICERS
D 58 ENLISTED.
(U) OPERATIONS SUMMARY. THE COMMANDER USJTF MET WITH
E AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TODAY TO DISCUSS THE RECOVERY OPERATION.
E USJTF MEMBER OVERFLEW THE OPERATIONAL AREA ABOARD A LOCAL

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ESSNA AND ASSESSED THE AIRFIELDS AT MATTHEWS RIDGE AND PORT
AITUMA. HE ALSO OVERFLEW JONESTOWN. REMAINDER OF DAY HAS
EEN UTILIZED IN CONDUCTING THE ORGANIZATON PLANNING AND
OORDINATION REQUIRED TO COMMENCE RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN THE
ORNING.
(C) COMMANDERS PLANS. AT 220430Z NOV 78 MOVEMENT TO THE
ORWARD AREA WILL BEGIN. UTILIZING ORGANIC FIXED WING AND
F FIXED AND ROTARY WING ASSESTS, A REFULE POINT WILL BE
STABLISHED AT MATTHEWS RIDGE AIRFIELD AND A FORWARD BASE WILL
E ESTABLISHED AT JONESTOWN. PRIORITY OF TASKS WILL BE
STABLISHMENT OF REFULE POINT, MOVEMENT OF GRAVES REGISTRATION/
ODY RECOVERY ELEMENT TO JONESTOWN, INITIATION OF BODY I.D./
REPARATION FOR MOVEMENT. ESTABLISHMENT OF FORWARD CP AT
ONESTOWN. CH53 ASSETS WILL BE EMPLOYED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE
OR TRANSHIPMENT OF BODIES FROM JONESTOWN TO GEORGETOWN.
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